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SUBJECT: RABASA COMMENTS ON BRACERO ISSUE

1. AT THE CONCLUSION OF AN ADDRESS TO THE MEXICO CITY ROTARY CLUB YESTERDAY, IN WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED U.S. - MEXICAN RELATIONS AS GOOD, FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA AGAIN COMMENTED PUBLICLY ON THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT ISSUE. HE INDICATED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A REPLY TO HIS AIDE MEMOIRE ON THIS SUBJECT FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER AND HE UNDERSTOOD THAT LABOR UNIONS IN THE U.S. STRONGLY OPPOSED A NEW BRACERO AGREEMENT. HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO DOES NOT APPROVE THE ILLEGAL ENTRY OF MEXICANS INTO THE U.S. HOWEVER, THESE CITIZENS DO NOT THEREBY LOSE THEIR RIGHT TO THE PROTECTION OF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT. HE NOTED THAT THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS DO FIND WORK IN THE U.S. BECAUSE THEIR SERVICES ARE USEFUL.

2. RABASA SAID THE GOM WILL INSIST UPON THE NEED FOR AN AGREEMENT TO REGULATE THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT SITUATION. DESPITE THE OPPOSITION OF U.S. LABOR ORGANIZATIONS, HE INDICATED, THE GOM WILL NEVER ABANDON THIS UNDERTAKING (I.E., NEGOTIATION OF AN AGREEMENT). HE PLANS TO RAISE THE ISSUE AGAIN WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER "EITHER IN
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MEXICO OR IN WASHINGTON". MEANWHILE, HE SAID, HE HAS

ORDERED MEXICAN CONSULS IN THE U.S. TO PROTECT MEXICAN WORKERS TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE AGAINST "INFAMOUS PRACTICES OR LABOR ABUSES".

3. COMMENT: THIS WAS RABASA'S MOST DETAILED REFERENCE TO THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT ISSUE SINCE DELIVERY OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S LETTER OF JANUARY 4 TO HIM. IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THE GOM WILL CONTINUE TO RAISE THE ISSUE IN PUBLIC EVEN THOUGH THE GONE OF RABASA'S LATEST PRONOUNCEMENT IS LESS OPTIMISTIC WITH RESPECT TO A NEW BRACERO AGREEMENT THAN EARLIER STATEMENTS.

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